

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1948
COCKTAILS AT 6:30 P. M. -- DINNER AT 7 P. M.
TOWN HALL CLUB, 123 West 43rd Street, New York City

\$2.50 - Tip, Tax Included

"WHAT ARE THE BASIC PROBLEMS IN GERMANY TODAY AND WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?
WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF THE PANEL DISCUSSION BY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB RECENTLY RETURNED FROM GERMANY.

LANDRUM BOLLING OF THE OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY
DR. GREGOR ZIEMER, EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR OF TOWN HALL
PERCIVAL KNAUTH OF TIME AND LIFE
JEAN JAFFE OF THE JEWISH DAY

SIGRID SCHULTZ AND NAT BARROWS OF THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS WERE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK BUT MAY NOT BE PRESENT DUE TO PREVIOUS LECTURE ENGAGEMENTS. THE ABOVE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB HAVE SPENT A GREAT MANY YEARS IN GERMANY AND KNOW THE MOST RECENT CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE OCCUPATION ZONES.

MEMBERS WHO ARE MORE THAN EXPERTS ON GERMANY AND WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWS THE SHORT TALKS OF THE PANEL PEOPLE INCLUDE LOUIS LOCKMER, PETE HUSS OF INS AND BILL SHIRER.

BUSINESS MEETING AT 9 P. M. (MEMBERS ARE URGED TO COME TO THE BUSINESS MEETING EVEN IF THEY CANNOT ATTEND THE DINNER.)

## AGENDA

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
DINNER COMMITTEE PLANS
AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT
NEW BUSINESS

There will be a meeting of the House Committee on Monday evening, January 19th at 5:15 P.M. in the clubrooms, according to W. W. Chaplin, Chairman. No individual notices have been sent to Committee members.

There will be a luncheon of the Awards Committee on Monday, Jan. 19th at 12:30 P.M. at the New York Athletic Club. Bruno Shaw, chairman, asks that members send their candidates' names into the club office before that date.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PICTURES TO THE CLUB \*\*\* IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL WAR ONES TAKEN WITH OTHER OPC MEMBERS. THOSE WILL BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME.

Percival Knauth of Time and Life has returned from his assignment to Germany....
Harry Zinder of Time and Life who served for six years as a war correspondent has joined Louis De Rochemont Associates as script writer.

Lucian Kirtland was honorary conductor of the Bronxville Community Forum's Peace Panel recently. Ted Malone of the American Broadcasting Co. was also one of the experts and said that "a sound American foreign policy can be accomplished only when we have decided whether Russia is our friend or our enemy." Apropos of the Kirtlands .... Helen Kirtland is editor of the "Villager", monthly magazine of the Westchester Country Club.

Stanley High of the Reader's Digest who appeared on the Town Meeting of the Air recently to discuss "Is Christianity Losing to Materialism?" said that after World War I, we washed our hands of mankind but that at the end of the last war, we are participating with mankind in the hope that together we can achieve something significant.

Gordon Gaskill, foreign correspondent of the American Magazine, has just bought a small Danish yacht, the 41-foot auxiliary sloop LTCIA II, and will take her to the mediterranean this summer. Does anybody know how to sail???

LandrumBolling, correspondent for the Overseas News Agency, is returning from Germany to the States in mid January for a two months lecture tour, mostly on German problems.

Ann Stringer is back on assignment in Berlin for the United Press temporarily, but will return to the States before long.

According to members of the Berlin Press Club (who sent us the above news from Berlin) accredited correspondents in the U.S.Zone of Germany new have Military Police Press courtesy cards.

CALLING TOKYO PRESS CLUB MEMBERS.... Fred Parker, Carl Mydans of Time and Life, Darrell Berrigan, Charles Gorry... what about some blurbs from the Japanese front????



David B. Richardson is on a permanent assignment to Germany and is stationed in Frankfurt. His new Time-Life beat is all of Western Germany. He writes that we can leave out the usual "I will definitely attend the OPC luncheon on such-and-such-adate" card. The gang in Frankfurt sends regards to all here.

PAUL HARVEY, Treasurer and assistant secretary of the Correspondents' Fund and former secretary of the Overseas Press Club, died on Thursday, January 8th at 10 P.M. of a cerebral hemorrhage. He had joined the club in the first years of its existence and had been active ever since. For several years, he was chairman of the Banquet Committee and raised money for the Correspondents' Fund through the sponsoring of several motion pictures. He was 69 years old and is survived by his wife, Lillian Hervey. Paul had been one of the trustees of the Christian Science Monitor and had traveled widely around the world.

Norma Babcock, associate member of the club, has announced the marriage of her daughter, Celia, on February 7th at Saint Bartholomew's to Peter Van Dyk Berg.

Several years ago, Edgar Snow brought to the States a large collection of Chinese folk tales translated by Lim-Sian-tek, a selection of which were published with an introduction by Snow. A second will soon be issued by the John Day Co., entitled "More Tales From China."

Publisher's Weekly carried E. P. Dutton's announcement of publication on April 30th of "AS WE SEE RUSSIA" by members of the Overseas Press Club of America and describes it as a report by top ranking American journalists on all phases of the Soviet nation. Bill Doerflinger, of Dutton's and one of the editors of the book, has all the manuscripts ready to go to press. A short resume of the authors will precede each chapter.

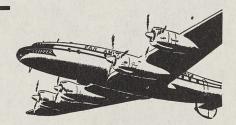
Sigrid Schultz is finishing a book for her publishers and is leaving for a lecture tour in the Middle West this week.

ATTENTION.... AMERICAN JOURNALIST ready to SEND DAILY AIR MAIL REPORTS OF BROADCASTS OF THE RUSSIAN BERLIN RADIO TO PEOPLE DESIRING THE SERVICE IN THE STATES... CALL THE OFFICE.

Patrick Nieburg reports that Guido Enderis was in Berlin till 1944 and then disappeared into thin air. This note in reply to Dan Brigham's inquiry regarding former Times man.

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Irving Pflaum, foreign editor of the Chicago Times, is married to a former foreign correspondent for a newspaper syndicate, Melanie. Mrs. Pflaum has just written an article for the Independent Woman called "Consider the Source" in which she reports that Mr. and Mrs. Public have to judge their news dispatches and radio broadcasts by the accuracy of the reports. She cites Sonia Tomara of the N.Y. Herald Trib; Edward R. Murrow of CBS and Herbert Matthews of the N.Y. Times as outstanding correspondents.

Ernie Dupuy, former U.S. public relations officer on the SHEAF staff, is now writing a history of the 106th Division, according to "Inside Information" published in the Saturday Evening Post. In the interview, Ernie admitted that out of his many books and articles, the story of the U.S. Military Academy and its influence on our national growth, "Where They Have Trod" is his favorite brain child. Mrs. Dupuy, a painter, illustrated the book.

Quentin Reynolds, of Collier's, delivered the eulogy on Dec. 24th for another member, Mark Hellinger, at a memorial service here in New York, which coincided with the rites in Hollywood.

Fred Sparks, writing for the New York Post from Greece, described the play by play fighting at Konitsa recently between the forces of General Markos, rebel leader, and the troops of the Athens Government.

Steve Fulton, formerly with the short wave "Voice of America" broadcasts is now assistant publicity director of the Greater New York Fund.

Henry J. Taylor, writing in the N.Y.World Telegram of Jan. 10th, reported that experts in Washington are challenging Marshall's plan of the Ruhr coal program and are suggesting that the use of oil would cut costs by 90 per cent.

George Fielding Eliot, in his column "Power and Policy" in the No Y. Post, points out that General Eisenhower is (or was) the type of commander who made his immediate associates feel that they had a share in his decisions and in the credit of his successes.

Relman Morin, chief of the AP bureau in Washington attended the annual awards banquet of the Virginia Press Association to make the awards for the best daily news writing by Virginia newspeople.

Stanley Swinton of the Associated Press Bureau in Singapore has been appointed acting chief of bureau, succeeding Leif Erickson, who has been transferred. Swinton was with Stars and Stripes during the war and before going with AP in 1940, served with the Detroit Free Press, the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Daily and the Charlevois (Mich.) Sentinel.



Lawrence G. Blochman is the author of the serial story of mystery now running in Coller's entitled "Cocktails At Blindman's Lake".... Bill Davidson in the January 10th Sue of Collier's authors the article "Congress' Conscience Is Six Foot Six", which the put Rep. Herter (R-Mass.) who is New England kind and quite a character.

H. V. Kalt. In has spent part of the holidays in Florida, combining a vacation with some lecture appearances.... Eugene Lyons is in Florida finishing a book and had the visit of W. L. White of Reader's Digest while he was there. White's forthcoming book "Lost Boundaries" was condensed in the December issue of Reader's Digest.

Bob Moora, writing in the Jan. 11th edition of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, explained the intricate working of the vast N. Y. Telephone Co. network in the area.

Bennett Cerf, of Random House, writes in his "End of the Book" column of Omnibook magazine, edited by Victor Knauth, that there is no surer way of first class stomach ulcers than editing a magazine.

More than 75 members and guests attended the showing of the March of Time films on Wednesday, Jan. 7th at the Town Hall Club. Glimpsed around were Al Rohde, of the Marine Corps (who is now stationed in Virginia); Jess Krueger of the Hearst Publications; Richard Sarno, head of photography for the Hearst publications; Ralph Ingersoll and Mrs. Ingersoll; Col. Westray Battle Boyce, guest of Katherine Leeds; Howard Whitman; Craig Thompson of Time and Life; Ken Austin, of U. S. Steel and Cipro Benedetti, Italian correspondent in this country, who won the jackpot book of the day, George Creel's "A Rebel At Large" published by the John Day Company.

The first film shown "French Campaign" brought back memories to many members present; sights of the fighting in France (The Battle of Saint Lo and the taking of Paris) which were familiar at the time and then did not make half so much impression as seen in 1948. Dick Rochemont, producer of March of Time, paid tribute to Ralph Ingersoll's idea of the March of Time series. Dick said that about one hundred people were employed by the organization.

The second film "New U. S. Frontier" had been made in 1945 and illustrated the way our armed forces had moved into the many islands of the Pacific and the problems resulting. The third film on Turkey had been made by Bob Capa, who was present and who said, in introducing the film, that he had suggested to De Rochemont that he make a film on Austria and then was promptly sent to Turkey.... Bob Considine adjourned the meeting to the clubrooms where talk of films and film techniques (maybe a little cheese cake thrown in) went on till one in the morning. General consensus of opinion was that March of Time films stand up under the test of time and prove just as interesting, if not more so, than when a film is originally released to the 11,000 theatres who show it over the U.S.

Beach Conger, travel and resort editor of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, is preparing a World Travel Section for the Sunday edition of the Tribune which will be launched some time in March.

Don Cook, Herald Tribune correspondent in London, and his wife will sail from England on the Nieuw Amsterdam on Jan. 30th. During their vacation in the States, they will visit relatives in Philadelphia and Florida.

Alice Leone Moats is visiting her mother in Mexico City for the Holidays and the first part of the year.

John Strohm, editor of the "Country Gentleman" is in town on a business trip. John is with the Illinois Publishing Co., of Woodstock, Ill.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.